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**PRICE RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2005**

The annual meeting of the Price River Distribution System was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Chairman Tom Bruno. Mr. Bruno asked Mark Page to read the minutes from the 2004 annual meeting. Following the reading of the minutes, there were no corrections or additions to be made. A motion was made by Walter Borla, and seconded by Harold Cunningham, to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed.

Mr. Bruno asked Commissioner Robert Davis to give a report on his activities during 2004. He indicated that a total of 46,295.15 acre-feet of water was diverted during 2004. Direct flow accounted for 31,649.89 acre-feet, and 14,612.76 acre-feet was diverted from Scofield Reservoir. Irrigation users diverted 27,648.69 acre-feet of direct flow, and 12,870.31 acre-feet of reservoir water. Municipal and industrial users diverted 4001.20 acre-feet and 1742.45 acre-feet of direct flow and reservoir water, respectively. A total of 32.50 acre-feet of water was pumped from Colton Well #1 by Helper City.

Mr. Davis indicated that peak storage in Scofield Reservoir occurred May 14, 2004 at 23,578.00 acre-feet. The low volume occurred on October 14, 2004 at 3165.00 acre-feet. At the present time there are 9911.00 acre-feet of water in Scofield Reservoir, compared to 15,764.00 acre-feet at this same time in 2004.

Mr. Davis asked all users with flumes to keep them cleaned out so they read accurately. The Bryner-Ploutz Ditch needs to install a smaller flume so low flows can be accurately measured. He thanked the water users for their support.

Snotel data indicates the current snowpack is 107% of average at the Mammoth-Cottonwood site, 146% on White River #1, and 217% on the Indian Canyon course.

Following the report, Frank Saccomanno made a motion to accept the Commissioner's Report. The motion was seconded by Ken Topolovec. The vote was unanimous.

After the Commissioner's report, Committee member Gary Sonntag briefly reviewed the Section of State Code (73-5-1) that describes the duties of a commissioner. It is very vague. He believes that it would be worthwhile for a committee to meet and better define what the Price River Commissioner's responsibilities should include. Such a job description would identify the day to day duties of the commissioner. This would be particularly helpful in the future when someone new is appointed to the job. Mr. Sim suggested the water users committee review this matter over the next year and report to the water users at the 2006 meeting. He also suggested that Commissioner Robert Davis be part of the review group, along with a representative from the Division of Water Right Regional Office, and possibly from the section office in Salt Lake. Following the discussion,

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a motion was made by Gary Sonntag to use the Water User's Committee, and others as suggested, and prepare a job description for the commissioner. The motion was seconded by Dale Mathis. The motion passed.

The next item of business was making a recommendation to the State Engineer for the appointment of a commissioner on the Price River System for the next four years. Before nominations were accepted, Mr. Sim indicated that when a vote is taken, each water users has one vote, whether it be an individual, a person representing a district, irrigation company, or water user's association. Frank Saccomanno made a motion to have Robert Davis serve another term. The motion was seconded by Rex Sacco. With no other nominations, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

The 2004 Financial Statement was read by Mr. John Larsen. On January 1, 2004, there was \$10,276.27 in the Trust Account. Receipts during 2004 included \$21,015.31 in regular assessments, \$10.00 in previous assessments and penalties, and \$112.52 in interest, for a total of \$21,137.83. Expenditures for the year totaled \$23,177.54. Over expenditures occurred in the retirement, insurance, and miscellaneous items. Funds remaining in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2004 were \$8,236.56. There were three delinquent accounts in the amount of \$57.31. A motion was made by Rex Sacco, and seconded by Walter Borla, to accept the Financial Statement. The vote was unanimous.

The next item of business was the preparation of the budget for 2005. A motion was made by Harold Cunningham and seconded by Frank Saccomanno to give the commissioner a 3% raise. After a brief discussion, a vote on the motion was taken and passed by a majority. Further discussion by the group resulted in the following budget:

Commissioner's Salary	\$10,638.00
Social Security	814.00
Retirement	1487.00
Travel Expense	4700.00
Insurance	4183.00
State Engineer's Assessment	1617.00
Office Expense	50.00
Telephone Expense	50.00
Annual Report	300.00
Equipment Expense	100.00
Miscellaneous Expense	100.00
Total	\$24,039.00

Harold Cunningham made a motion to accept the budget. Walter Borla seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Dale Mathis made a motion to set the assessment at \$24,000.00. A second was made by Rex Sacco. The motion passed.

Mr. Bruno indicated that a committee should be appointed to serve during 2005. Frank Saccomanno made a motion to keep the same committee that served in 2004. Walter Borla seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The committee is composed of the following:

Tom Bruno	Chairman
Harold Cunningham	Vice Chairman/Industrial Representative
Gary Sonntag	Municipal Representative
Dale Mathis	Water Users

Mr. Sim also discussed three bills that are currently before the legislature. House Bill 29 clarifies the duties of the State Engineer. House Bill 38 provides for graduated criminal penalties for various criminal provisions pertaining to the regulation and distribution of water. House Bill 157 defines the enforcement procedures and penalties available to the State Engineer in the performance of his duties.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Those present at the meeting included the following:

Harold Cunningham	PacifiCorp
Dale Mathis	Price-Wellington Canal
Richard Lee	Carbon Water Conservancy District
Ken Topolovec	Stowell Canal
Roger Rigby	PacifiCorp
Cody Allred	PacifiCorp
Walter Borla	Bryner-Ploutz
Al Breznick	Bryner-Hansen
Frank Saccomanno	Spring Glen Canal
Rick Borrell	Carbon Canal
R.D. Campbell	Carbon Canal
Ron Brewer	Price City
Gerald Barkley	Carbon Country Club
Philip Palmer	Price River Water Improvement District
Dave Levanger	Carbon County
Rex Sacco	Gay Ditch
Ed Howa	North Carbon Group

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Ray Prettyman  
Dale J. Wilson  
Wayne Brown  
Keith Grogan  
Verdis Barker  
Jaylene Mahleres  
David Cave  
George S. Cook  
Boyd Marsing  
William Butcher  
Gary Sonntag  
Tom Bruno  
Lee Sim  
John Larsen  
Mark Page

Gordon Creek  
Stowell Canal  
North Carbon Group  
Pioneer #1 & Price Wellington Board  
Wellington Canal  
Allred Ditch  
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